

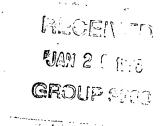


FEB 2 3 1998

Publishing Division Corres/Allowed Files (08)

December 25, 1997

To Examiner, Mr. Michael O'Neill (Art Unit 3304) In the United States Patent and Trademark Office



Re: Advisory Action toward U.S. Patent Appln.No.08/642,560 Applicant: Takeya OKAMOTO

Paper No.13 Date Mailed: December 5, 1997

In connection with the above identified Advisory Action, I sent you a check of US\$255.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee (US\$55.00) and the charge for extension of time (US\$200.00) on December 16, 1997.

At the same time I instructed my banker to conduct a search for <u>the</u> missing check of US\$55.00 which I certainly sent you on October 20, 1997. According to the result of the search, <u>the check was settled on November 4</u>, 1997 as evidenced by the enclosed copies of the documents.

Therefore, I would like to ask you to make a thorough search for the receipt of the above check and the settlement of the same. I think the overpayment should be refunded.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Takeya OKAMOTO